

REMARKS

This Amendment addresses the final Office Action mailed July 11, 2002. Claim 15 is amended. New claims 26-33 are added. No new matter is added by claim 26. The feature of claim 15 and 28 that the removable lid access member is replaceable in the decorative lid is supported in the application as originally filed at page 10, lines 5-19 and page 13, lines 27-29. Claims 15-19 and 21-33 are pending.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claim amendments simply clarify the meaning of the claims. Applicants respectfully submit the pending claims are allowable. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersign representative if such contact would be helpful in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims

Claim 15 has been amended as follows.

15. (Twice Amended) A decorative container system for displaying items in a hollow region comprising:

a decorative container comprising an upper opening and an inner container positioned within an outer container thereby defining [a] the hollow region therebetween, wherein the outer container is at least partially transparent;

a removable member allowing access to the hollow region; and

a decorative lid shaped to be removably mounted in the upper opening of the decorative container, the decorative lid defining a hollow lid cavity and being at least partially transparent, the lid further comprising a removable lid access member providing access to the hollow lid cavity, wherein the removable lid access member is replaceable in the decorative lid.

New claims 26-33 have been added.

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